



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY
SEPTEMBER 17, 2004

WHEREAS, throughout American history, many men and women have bravely served in our military and sacrificed much to preserve our country and protect democracy around the world; and

WHEREAS, some of those brave men and women who answered the call to service were captured in conflict and imprisoned by our enemies, and the fate of more than 88,000 Americans who served from World War II through Operation Desert Storm remains unknown; and

WHEREAS, on this day, we honor those Americans who were prisoners of war and recognize them for the courage and determination they showed in the face of unspeakable hardships, and we honor those who remain unaccounted for, especially remembering the sacrifices of their families who must face each day without knowing the fate of their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to never forget the sacrifices made by those who so courageously and selflessly defended our nation and protected our way of life; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 17, 2004, **POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State